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Context, context, context. That should be the standard of success when applying the Constitution to the proper role of government. The Constitution, as written, is easy to pick up and read. Anyone who wishes can easily understand the Founders' intent and meanings. However, spend too much time doing that and you will be labeled and considered a threat by Homeland Security. It is the progressive tactic to undermine truth and freedom by taking out of context the true meaning of our Constitution and the Founders' intent. It is the progressive mindset that warps the meaning of words and the proper role of government.

What is the proper role of government? The powers enumerated to the federal government are 1) to protect the people's rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and 2) to stick to its powers as defined in Article 1 Section 8. Nowhere in the Constitution or primary founding documents do we find that government is to manage or regulate business. The main idea of the Revolution was to get out from under the royal manager of the time, King George, and the yoke of bureaucratic regulations.

The tactic of taking the Constitution out of context is progressive. This tactic molded our static list of rules that the constitution was into the living, breathing document liberals want to believe it is. This tool allows progressives to promote their agenda of choice. The massive debt and burdensome regulations that we groan under are an example of the yoke of the "living, breathing" mindset.

Government intervention in health care has caused most of the problems within the health care industry. Now, we believe government interference like a Health Care Compact (HCC) will solve the problems? We should look to government to save us from government? It is time to break the chains by breaking this pattern of thinking.

The Health Care Compact seeks to soften the blow of Obamacare on the health care industry. The attempt to shift the power of regulation from the feds to the states, on the surface, seems noble and right. Many times what seems right is accompanied by unintended consequences that tend to nullify liberty. The HCC seeks to restore liberty to health care and health insurance, but this Compact will do the opposite of the HCC framers' intent.

As the HCC Bill states: 14 Whereas, the member states recognize that consent of congress 15 may be more easily secured if the member states collectively seek 16 consent through an interstate compact.

The authority for the Health Care Compact is taken from Article 1 Section 10 of our Constitution. This section puts restraints on the States. Section 10 gives the people the right not to have their state enter into a compact that might involve the nation in a war or conflict. The whole context of section 10 involves preventing the State from entangling the nation in any kind of war or conflict. Section 10 does not give the States authority to band together to regulate industries.

This restraint makes sense in the context of protecting the People's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The idea of states making compacts while vesting regulatory authority over an industry in the states is pure fascism. Pointing out the context of this HCC as unconstitutional is an understatement.

The Health Care Compact is an example of how a progressive would end run the Constitution under the guise of safety (from the federal government) and health (it's for the children's sake). Rather than "protecting individual liberty and personal control over health care decisions", this unconstitutional authority places the control over personal health care in the hands of state legislatures.

Attempting to restore liberty using progressive tactics, serves only to legitimize the destruction of freedom and the documents designed to protect that freedom. When one is serious about protecting liberty from federal overreach, one abhors anything to do with the progressive mindset.

Please vote no on the Health Care Compact. Set the free market free.

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